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15 August 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT : Per Diem

REFERENCE : Bureau of the Budget Circular No. A-7,  
Revised, 22 June 1956

1. Since the issuance of referenced Circular, a number of inquiries have been directed to this office regarding the construance and application of a portion of Section 6.2 (C) of reference which reads as follows:

"A per diem rate of \$6.00 is prescribed for such travel by airplane, train or boat----enroute to or from a locality beyond the limits of the continental United States, or between such localities, including stopovers of less than 6 hours:-----."

2. Because of conflictions in interpreting the above quoted passage your counsel and guidance is solicited in resolving the questions below:

- (a) Does the per diem rate of \$6.00 apply to train travel performed in the United States when such travel is a portion of travel extending beyond the limits of the continental United States?
- (b) If the answer to 2.(a) is in the affirmative which rate (\$6.00 or \$12.00) should be considered the maximum rate when the Travel Order "authorizes maximum per diem" without specifying a set rate in view of the decision rendered in B-104965, 31 Comptroller General 71?

3. Your early opinion will be most appreciated.

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